



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Dept. of Agriculture

☒ Permanent Rule  
☐ Emergency Rule

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

☒ 31 days after filing.  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☐ Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** This rulemaking order amends chapter 16-662 WAC (Weights and Measures – National Handbooks) by adopting the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) handbooks as follows:

- (1) 2006 edition of NIST Handbook 44 (Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices) as required by RCW 19.94.195; and
- (2) 2006 edition of NIST Handbook 130 (Uniform Laws and Regulations in the areas of legal metrology and engine fuel quality).

There is not a 2006 version of NIST Handbook 133 (Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods) – the 2005 (fourth edition) remains the most current.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 16-662-105

Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** Chapter 19.94 and 34.05 RCW

**Other authority :**

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 06-04-101 on February 1, 2006.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

**DATE ADOPTED**

April 5, 2006

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

Valoria H. Loveland

**SIGNATURE**

*Valoria H. Loveland*

**TITLE**

Director

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 05-10-088, filed 5/4/05, effective 6/4/05)

WAC 16-662-105 What national weights and measures standards are adopted by the Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA)? The WSDA adopts the following national standards:

National standard for:	Contained in the:
(1) The specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for the design, manufacture, installation, performance test, and use of weighing and measuring equipment	((2005)) 2006 Edition of <i>NIST Handbook 44 - Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices</i>
(2) The procedures for checking the accuracy of the net contents of packaged goods	Fourth Edition (January 2005) of <i>NIST Handbook 133 - Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods</i>
(3) The requirements for packaging and labeling, method of sale of commodities, and the examination procedures for price verification	((2005)) 2006 Edition of <i>NIST Handbook 130 - Uniform Laws and Regulations in the areas of legal metrology and engine fuel quality</i> , specifically:
(a) Weights and measures requirements for all food and nonfood commodities in package form	<i>Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation</i> as adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and published in <i>NIST Handbook 130</i> , ((2005)) 2006 Edition
(b) Weights and measures requirements for the method of sale of food and nonfood commodities	<i>Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities</i> as adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and published in <i>NIST Handbook 130</i> , ((2005)) 2006 Edition

National standard for:	Contained in the:
(c) Weights and measures requirements for price verification	<i>Examination Procedure for Price Verification</i> as adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and published in <i>NIST Handbook 130, ((2005)) 2006 Edition</i>